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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE JUNGLE TRAINING CENTER IN BRUNEI

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CODEROOM PLEASE REPEAT STATE 227088 DATED 23 SEPT 1975:

REF: A. SINGAPORE 4001; B. KUALA LUMPUR 5504.

1. UNLESS EMBASSY LONDON PERCEIVES OBJECTION, DEPT WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY DESIGNATION BRITISH EMBASSY MINISTER H.A. CORTAZZI AS FCO'S DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS SINGAPORE JUNGLE TRAINING CENTER IN BRUNEI WITH HIM THIS WEEK ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, USING UK AND COMMONWEALTH ADVISORS. WE RECOGNIZE THE GOM SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOS IS APPROACHING THE GOM ON THE MATTER DIRECTLY. SHOULD UK ACCEDE TO THE GOS REQUEST, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY ASSISTANCE (IN THE FORM OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.) WHEN THE SCHOOL IS ESTABLISHED.

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3. FOR SINGAPORE: GIVEN GOM CONCERNS POINTED OUT REF B,
WE BELIEVE THAT FOREGOING IS THE EXTENT OF THE "URGING"

THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE. YOU MAY INFORM
THE GOS THAT WE WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE BRITISH.
SHOULD UK DECISION BE FAVORABLE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
OFFER SUCH CURRICULUM ASSISTANCE (BUT NOT INSTRUCTORS)
AS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED USEFUL. IT IS, HOWEVER, UP TO THE
GOS TO PRESS ITS OWN CASE DIRECTLY WITH THE BRITISH, AND
TO ALLEVIATE ANY GOM SUSPICIONS REGARDING THE PLAN. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION WOULD
BE ENHANCED IF GOS PRESSED THE MATTER CANDIDLY AND
DIRECTLY AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE GOM. "NOTE TO RAZAK"
MENTIONED REFTTEL WOULD SEEM INADEQUATE. INGERSOLL

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